

Sherida began selling tomatoes in 1995, starting her small business with working capital. Although her produce sold well, she could never expand her business; her profits went immediately to fulfilling her family's basic needs. In 1998, Sherida heard from a friend that an organization called FINCA was offering loans to women in the area. Sherida used her first FINCA loan to purchase spare bicycle parts for transporting the tomatoes. She also cultivated her own tomato garden, and was able to afford seeds and insecticides. But perhaps most important, she was able to set aside savings, even after paying school and uniform fees for her children.

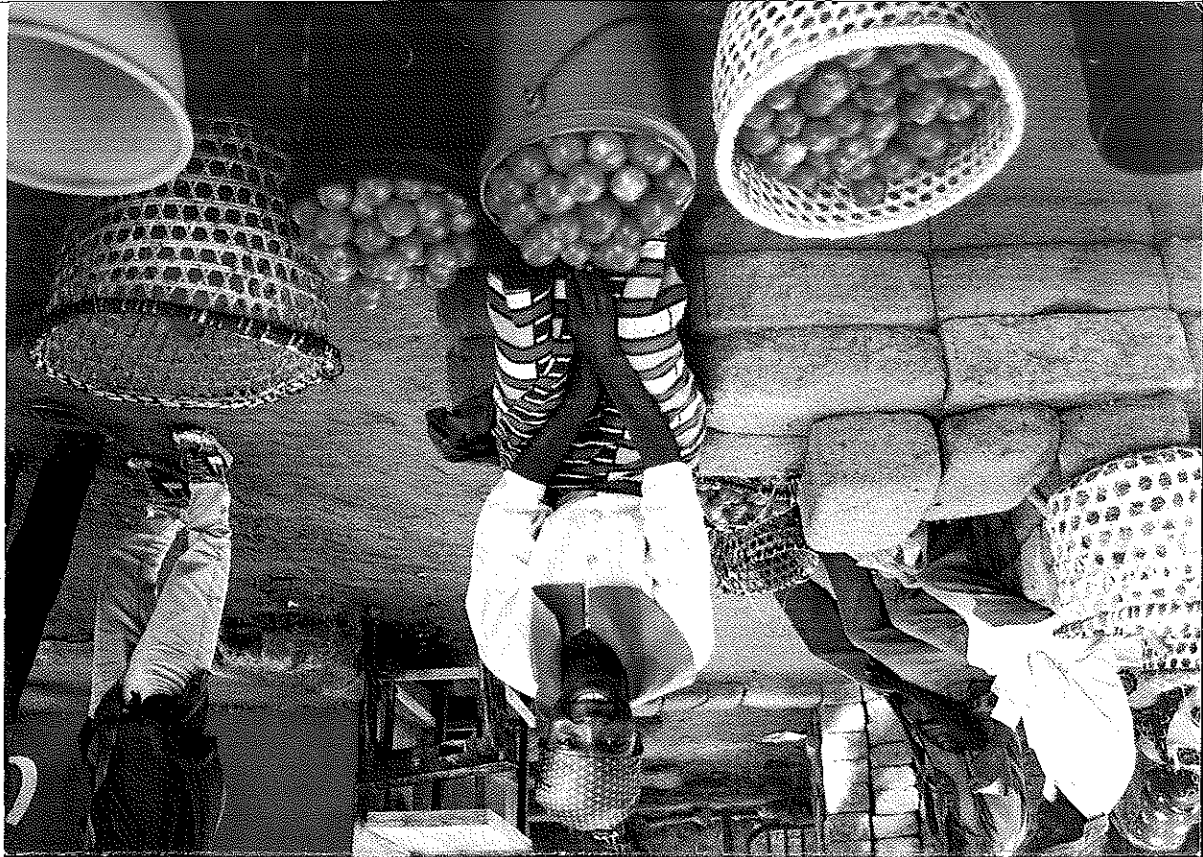
Connecticut. It is vital of all  
of us.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Jones  
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Town Council

Dear Mr. Stacey and members of the  
Bureau of Water Protection -

I am writing in strong support of  
the new streamflow regulations. I would  
further like to see Class 4 also  
protected, by either eliminating Class  
4 altogether or adding protection  
for Class 4.

Thank you for your work to  
save this precious resource in



*The mission of FINCA International is to provide financial services to the world's lowest-income entrepreneurs so they can create jobs, build assets, and improve their standard of living. We accomplish this by offering small loans and a savings program to those turned down by traditional banks, believing that even the poor have a right to financial services. With these loans, families can invest in, and build, their own small businesses, increasing their income-earning capacity. Worldwide, our clients post repayment rates over 97 percent.*

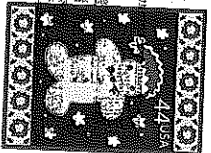


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